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1. EMBASSY WELCOMES VISIT OF ARKANSAS TRADE MISSION AND WILL BE HAPPY TO PROVIDE EMBASSY BRIEFING TO GROUP; HOWEVER, WE HOPE DEPARTMENT WILL BE RESTRAINED IN COMMITTING EMBASSY RESOURCES, ESPECIALLY IN VIEW OF NON-USG SPONSORSHIP OF GROUP.

2. EMBASSY HAS CHECKED BOTH WITH MFA AND MIN OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND FINANCE REGARDING STATUS OF PREPARATIONS. LATTER APPEARS TO BE HANDLING ARRANGEMENTS CITED PARAGRAPH 3 OF REFTEL, BUT IS APPARENTLY UNABLE CARRY THROUGH WITHOUT ADDITIONAL DETAILS CONCERNING COMPOSITION OF GROUP (INCLUDING NAMES), WHO WILL PAY COSTS, ETC. EMBASSY WILL TRY TO KEEP TRACK OF THIS ASPECT.

3. STRONGLY URGE THAT ARKANSAS GROUP SEND ADVANCE MAN TO TEHRAN 10 DAYS TO 2 WEEKS PRIOR TO MISSION'S ARRIVAL. FOR EXAMPLE, IDAHO GROUP WAS APPALLED AT CAR RENTAL COST; E.G., \$750 FOR TEN CARS TO TRANSPORT GROUP FROM AIRPORT TO HOTEL (STANDARD CHARGE WAS FOR FULL DAY) AND AT ELEVENTH HOUR REDUCED NUMBER OF CARS, RENTED A BUS, ETC. AS DEPARTMENT WELL AWARE, THERE ARE MYRIAD ADMINISTRATIVE DETAILS WHICH ADVANCE MAN SHOULD DISCUSS WITH GOI.

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